

### Qualifications

**Education**

- Masters Degree, Wheelock College
- Moderate Needs, K-12
- Orton-Gillingham, IMSLEC
- Project Read, Carroll School
- Reading Institute; MGH

**Teaching**

- Learning Specialist, Meadowbrook
- Special Needs Teacher, Metco
- Classroom Teacher
- Language Arts Specialist, K-12

**Approach to Teaching**

- Multi-sensory
- Sequential
- Developmental
- Multiple Intelligences

*No Matter What Accomplishment You Make, Someone Helps You  
En todo lo que ha logrado, alguien le ha ayudado*  
Althea Gibson

*Let each of us, for the good of others and for our own self interest,  
Reach out to the talented and learning disabled among us,  
Who have so much to give themselves and their society.*  
Priscilla Vail, Unraveling the Myth

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

2005-Present

**Language Arts and Educational Specialist/Private Tutor**, Arlington, Bedford, Belmont, Brookline, Concord, Dover, Lexington, Natick, Needham, Newton, Weston, Wellesley, Winchester

- Design sequential, multi-sensory lessons and extended learning assignments for students, K-12
- Teach reading, writing and comprehension for all subjects
- Strengthen note-taking, organization and outlining
- Develop study skills and test taking strategies
- Consult regularly with parents, teachers and specialists

2008-Present

**Special Needs Teacher, Metco**, Roxbury

2000-2005

**Learning Specialist, Meadowbrook School**, Weston  
**Orton Gillingham Tutor**, Masonic Children's Center, Lexington  
**Literacy Tutor**, Concord  
**Teacher, Lawrence Public Schools**  
• Winner: *Massachusetts Disney Educational Student Scholarship*

**EDUCATIONAL COURSES/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2000-Present

Recent Developments in Special Education Law, The Role of Executive Functioning, Orton-Gillingham, Project Read, Expository Writing Instruction, Writing 1-12, Science and Neurobiology, Developmental Dyslexia, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Behavior Management and School Accommodations, Remediation and Accommodations for Dyslexia and ADHD, Medications for ADHD, Assessment and Testing, Teaching Vocabulary to Increase Comprehension, Reading First: 3 Keys to Note-taking, Literacy and Diverse Learners, The Impact of Special Needs, Child Development, Culture and Language, Curriculum Design, Numeracy and Diverse Learners, Learning and Teaching Science, Narrative Research, Inclusive Elementary Programs, Building Responsible Classrooms, Literacy K-1, Social Economics: Robert Reich, Lenny Zakim- World of Difference: A.D.L., Botany and Creative Writing

**GRADUATE EDUCATION**

2000-2001

**Wheelock College**, Boston, MA

- Masters Degree, Elementary Education, Certification # 38300
- Awards: *Wheelock Community Award, Rothstein Foundation Scholarship, NCJW Scholarship, Balin Scholarship*

Assessment:

- Testing, observation, portfolio, running records, multiple intelligences

## RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1985-1993

**Director of Community Service**, B'nai B'rith International Foundation, Boston, MA

- Innovated and implemented citywide intergenerational, food collection & immigrant programs linking 800 Wellesley, MIT, NE, Harvard, BU, Babson students & Boston area families to educational community projects.

- *Awards: Haber National Award, congressional and city awards from Senator Ted Kennedy, Congressman Barney Frank, former Governor Michael Dukakis, Elsie Frank, Rothstein Fndn*

**Teacher/Naturalist, Massachusetts Audubon Society**, Lincoln, MA

- Developed an environmental curriculum for 30, seven-year-old, children; Taught children farming, pond life identification, animal care, gardening, recycling, conservation, nature, and crafts.

**N.E. Regional Volunteer Director, Hostelling International**, Boston, MA

- Created and managed the New England Program for hostels in Boston, Littleton, Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Cape Cod and New Hampshire

**Assistant Director, Camp Kingswood**, Bridgton, ME

- Supervised 90 staff members and 200 children

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

- **Volunteer, Robert Reich**

- **Fundraiser, Coolidge Corner Theatre Foundation**, Brookline MA

Planned special benefit featuring the documentary film *COUNTDOWN TO FREEDOM*, with the film's director, Danny Schechter, and nationally known singer/songwriter, Fred Small.

- **Consultant, Radio Station, WUMB 91.9**, UMASS, Boston, MA

Coordinated innovative radio program with speakers, musicians, storytellers and poets.

- *Nominated: Gabriel Award and Massachusetts Broadcasting Awards*

- **Trail Guide, Appalachian Mountain Club**

## ADDITIONAL

- Orton Gillingham, IMSLEC

## QUALIFICATIONS

- Project Read, Carroll School

- Moderate Disabilities, K-12

- Learning/Reading/Writing: MGH

- The Reading Institute, Williamstown, MA

- Writing Instruction, 1-12

- Pediatric CPR, American Heart Association

- Wilderness First Aid Certification, SOLO

## UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Bachelor of Arts, 1986

*Awards:* Mortar Board, Honors

**Honors focus:** Creating self-sustaining non-profit programs

## INTERESTS

- Literacy, curriculum development, dyslexia, environmental education, *Educators for Social Responsibility, International Dyslexia Association, World of Difference:ADL, TERC*

- Bird sanctuaries, nature photography, singing, crafts, weather, music, *MA Audubon*

**References and portfolio available upon request**